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SUBJECT: FY 78 BUDGET

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1. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY OMB CONCERNING UR
BUDGET. PLEASE PROVIDE TO THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCT. 4
ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1.) IN GENERAL, THE PROPOSED BUDGET REFLECTS MORE WORK BE-
ING ACCOMPLISHED BY FEWER PEOPLE FOR LESS MONEY. WHAT STEPS
HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?

(2.) WHAT IS THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE \$4,500 INCREASE FOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE? (REFERENCE P. 13).

(3.) HOW MANY OF THE 21 POSITIONS WHICH ARE PROPOSED TO BE
CUT UNDER THE EDUCATION PROGRAM ARE TEACHERS? HOW MANY ARE
EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS? ELEMENTARY TEACHERS? SECONDARY
TEACHERS? WHAT ARE THE JOB CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE NON-
TEACHERS TO BE CUT? (REFERENCE P. 16).

(4.) HOW DO THE GRADUATES OF THE SAMOAN SCHOOL SYSTEM COM-
PARE TO THOSE OF MAINLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS? EQUAL, HIGHER, OR
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LOWER?

(5.) WHAT IS THE BREAKDOWN BETWEEN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE? WHAT IMPACT WILL THE PROPOSED NEW CAPITAL FACILITIES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAVE ON FUTURE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS? (REFERENCE PP. 22, 60-64).

(6.) WHAT ARE THE JOB CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE SIXTEEN POSITIONS WHICH WILL BE REDUCED IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM AND WHAT IMPACT WILL THESE REDUCTIONS HAVE ON SERVICE DELIVERY? (REFERENCE P. 25).

(7.) WHY IS FUNDING FOR OFF-ISLAND MEDICAL CARE BEING REDUCED BY OVER 50 PERCENT? WHERE ARE PATIENTS BEING TREATED AND WHAT ARE THE RATES BEING CHARGED? HAVE RATES INCREASED OR DECREASED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS? (REFERENCE P. 25).

(8.) MORE AGGRESSIVE COLLECTION PRACTICES BY THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ARE MENTIONED ON PAGE 35. ON THE AVERAGE, HOW MUCH REVENUE IS WRITTEN OFF BY THE GAS AS UNCOLLECTABLE EACH YEAR AND WHAT SPECIFIC TYPES OF COLLECTIONS ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT?

(9.) WHAT IS THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE WATER SYSTEM? WITH THE APPROVED FY 1977 IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PROPOSED FY 1978 IMPROVEMENTS, ARE THERE LIKELY TO BE ANY MAJOR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE YEARS?

(10) WHAT IS THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM? HAVE THE NEW GENERATORS BEEN INSTALLED? WHAT TRAINING IS BEING PROVIDED TO LOCAL PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN THE NEW GENERATORS? ARE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED IN THE POWER SYSTEM OVER THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE YEARS?

(11) DO THE FIVE NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE REPRESENT THE TOTAL PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE OR IS THIS JUST THE FIRST PHASE OF A BROADER CAPITAL PROJECT?
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IF SO, WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED OUTLAYS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS? HOW WILL THE NEW FACILITIES AFFECT THE O&M BUDGETS FOR THE COLLEGE? OF THE FIVE BUILDINGS BEING REQUESTED, PLEASE RANK THEM IN TERMS OF PRIORITY.

(12.) WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR FY 1978 LOCAL REVENUE PROJECTIONS BEING 31 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE FY 1977 ESTIMATE --

\$10,213K VS. \$7,789K? HOW SOUND IS THE FY 1978 ESTIMATE,
HOW WAS IT COMPUTED AND IS IT CONSIDERED A CONSERVATIVE
FIGURE?

(13.) WHAT IS THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE \$500,000 CONTIN-
GENT RESERVE WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED FOR ALLOCATION FROM
LOCAL REVENUES? (REFERENCE P. 75).
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